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Senate Bill _____
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House No. HB1228
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to student dropouts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-211(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Student dropout rates organized by schools and local school systems, as well as African American student dropout rates also organized by schools and local school systems;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

If pursuant to Section 1 of this act a local school system is reported by the commissioner to possess a variance of five percent (5%) or more between its systemwide student dropout rate and its systemwide African American student dropout rate, then the local school system shall expeditiously develop and implement a reasonable a plan of action for reducing such variance to less than five percent (5%). A copy of such plan shall be filed with the commissioner of education for evaluation and

approval. On or before September 1, each year, the local school system shall file a progress report concerning implementation of the plan of action.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-360, is amended by designating the current language as subsection “(a)” and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection “(b)”:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or any other law to the contrary, if a school or local school system achieves its overall student dropout goal established pursuant to Tennessee Challenge 2000, Section 49-5-5024, but its African American student dropout rate exceeds such goal, then incentive grants for such school or school system shall be withheld.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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